

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 9-17 are currently pending. Claims 6 and 9-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,560,640 (Smethers) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,250,930 (Mintz).

First, regarding the Examiner's assertion that Smethers has a single implied browser that is referenced by such URL names as <http://www.uplanet.com/stocks.html>, it is respectfully submitted that it would not be obvious to one skilled in the art to determine an exact browser to launch from a plurality of browsers using, for example, the URL: <http://www.uplanet.com/stocks.html>.

Second, although the Examiner states that column 8, lines 1-57 of Smethers teaches a proxy server device 116 uses the appropriate URL previously associated with the bookmark, there is no mention in Smethers that a browser for interpreting a URL is also included in the bookmark (e.g., see, Office Action, Page 7 removed). Rather, Smethers teaches, in column 8, lines 27-29, personal computer 128 can access proxy server device 116 through the landnet using, for example, a web browser to edit, create and delete bookmarks for the wireless client device 100. Further, in the present application, as recited by the claims, the bookmark is included in an Internet terminal

whereas Smethers teaches storing the bookmark in proxy server device 116 (e.g., see, column 8, lines 14-16 of Smethers).

Moreover, with reference to column 5, lines 24-52 of Mintz, the Examiner asserts that the bookmarks in Mintz will carry a “browser ID of a selected bookmark” (e.g., see, Office Action, Page 3 bottom) when the kind of “browser” needed to represent the web-page is selected. However, it is respectfully submitted that the cited portion of Mintz does not teach how the “browser” needed to represent the web-page is selected and fails to teach the “browser ID”. Rather Mintz discloses bookmarks are general bookmarks as opposed to bookmarks including a browser ID, as recited by the claims of the present application. Moreover, Mintz teaches a plurality of browsers are simultaneously displayed on a single screen (e.g., see, Mintz, column 7, lines 59-64) as opposed to a method and an apparatus for selecting and launching a plurality of browsers according to a specific URL, as disclosed by the present application and recited by the claims.

Further, regarding the use of the terms *.tiff, *, xls, *. xlw, *. doc, *.ppt, *, jpg, as disclosed by Mintz (e.g., see, column 5, lines 33-44), it is respectfully submitted that these terms (i.e., *.tiff, *, xls, *. xlw, *. doc, *.ppt, *, jpg) refer to file name extensions, as opposed to a bookmark including a browser ID corresponding to a particular browser, and a URL for launching the particular browser according to the browser ID, as recited by the claims of the present application.

Regarding the recitation “browser” as recited by the claims of the present application, this recitation refers to a browser such as a web-browser, a HTML-browser, etc., as opposed to an application (e.g., MS WORD, EXCEL, etc.), as taught by Mintz. Further, it is respectfully submitted that one skilled in the art it would recognize this distinction. Although it is conceded that a file name extension of a file may be used to indicate a corresponding application, Mintz does not teach or suggest launching corresponding browser by referring to only the contents of a URL.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claim 6, the Examiner states that the combination of Smethers and Mintz teaches each and every limitation of Claim 6. After reviewing Smethers and Mintz, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect.

Smethers and Mintz are discussed above.

In the rejection, the Examiner equates application program file name extensions (e.g., *.doc, *.xls, etc.), as recited by Mintz, with the browser ID field, as recited by Claim 6. However, as discussed above, the file name extensions (e.g., *.doc, *.xls), as disclosed by Mintz, refer to the ending part of a filename as distinguished from a URL which, as recited by Claim 6, refers to an Internet address. Accordingly, Mintz does not teach or suggest the recitation of a browser ID field, as recited by Claim 6.

Accordingly, as Mintz does not teach each and every limitation of Claim 6, and Smethers does not cure the deficiencies of Mintz, and in addition to the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of Claim 6 be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claims 12 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), Claims 12 and 14 have been amended and are further distinguished.

Smethers and Mintz are discussed above.

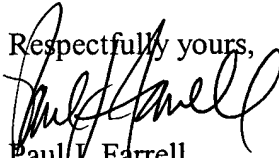
In contrast with that which is taught by the combination of Smethers and Mintz, amended Claim 12 includes the recitation of inputting a URL (Uniform Resource Locator) of the Internet resource having the unique protocol in the assigned bookmark file, wherein the bookmark file includes a first field including the ID corresponding to the selected browser and a second field located after the first field and including the URL; and amended Claim 14 includes the recitation of a memory for storing a bookmark frame including a browser ID (identification) field and a URL (Uniform Resource Locator) field, at least one browser, and a bookmark manager, which are neither taught nor suggested by either Smethers or Mintz or the combination thereof.

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Accordingly, for at least the above stated reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of Claims 12 and 14 be withdrawn.

Independent Claims 6, 12, and 14 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 9-11, 13, 15-17 these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 9-11, 13, and 15 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 6 and 9-17, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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